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City, schools receive early tax payment

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

City and school officials will breathe a sigh of relief now that the Wayne County Treasurer's Office has dispersed checks for delinquent property taxes that it was able to collect.

Romulus will receive a check for more than \$1.2 million, and the Romulus Community School District will receive more than \$1.5 million, according to numbers provided by the county treasurer. The checks were mailed on June 29.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said the money was "good news" in a sea of what has

been dismal information coming from the county and Lansing.

"I wasn't aware of it, but that's really good to hear," said Lambert. "I think the school district needed it more than we did, but its still good news. I'm not sure what we'll do with it - I'll have to talk to the finance department about that."

In past years only Detroit received its portion by June 30, followed by out-county municipalities and other taxing entities, which did not receive their money until the end of July.

However, recognizing that Wayne County municipalities are facing some of the toughest economic times ever and are in need of

cash sooner rather than later, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz made the decision to mail the checks early.

"This is a credit to all the municipalities in returning their records to my office in a timely fashion, and to my outstanding staff in making this happen," said Wojtowicz. "Everyone is short on money. This will help all the units of government whose budgets have been under terrific pressure in the last few years."

The checks reflect their respective portions of the revenue collected from the 2006 delinquent real property taxes. This is the

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New state tax protects cities, too

Scott Spielman
Staff Writer

If all goes according to plan, the new Michigan Business Tax (MBT) signed into law last week will not adversely affect the City of Wayne.

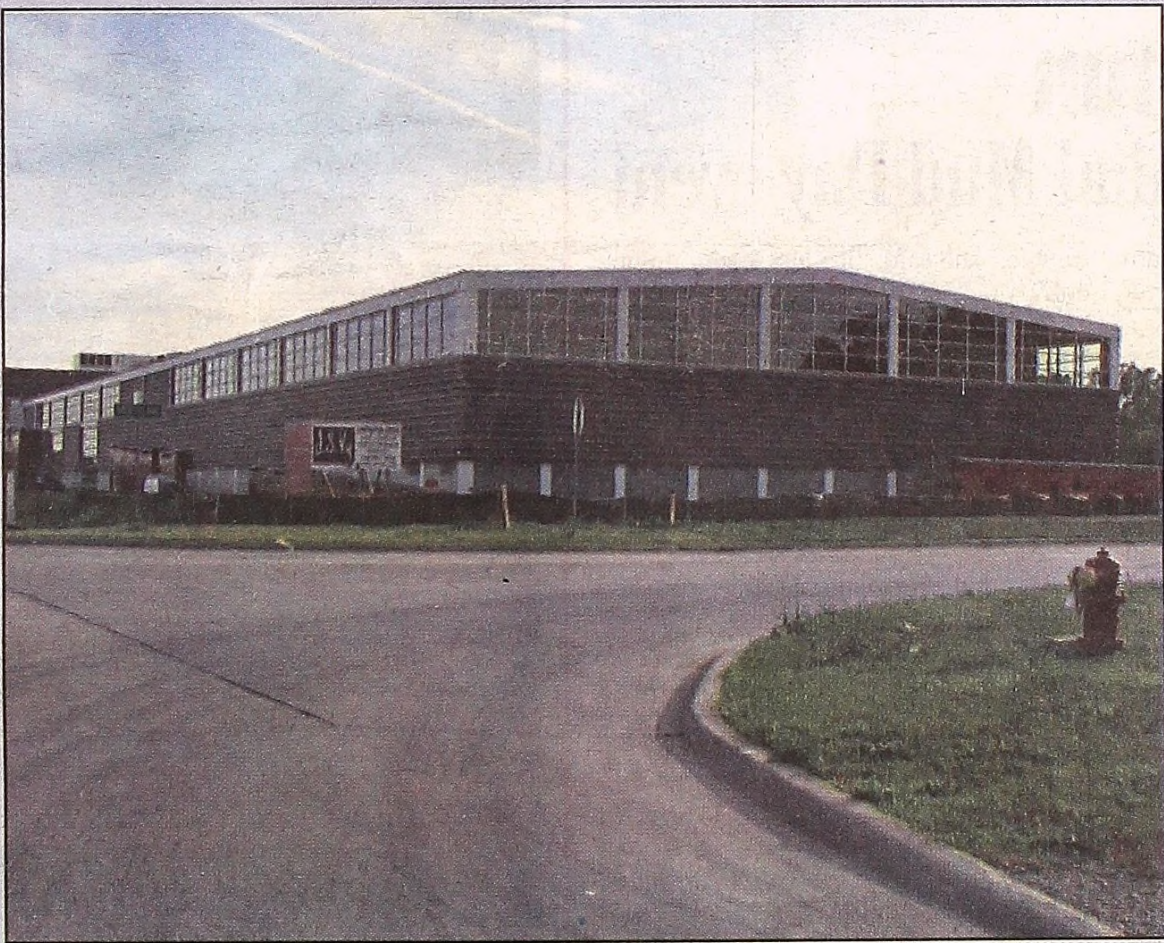
The plan was approved by both the House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate last week, according to State Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville), who represents the City of Wayne in Lansing. It will replace the Single Business Tax, originally set to sunset in 2009 but moved up to expire at the end of this year.

"This plan brings tax relief to our businesses while also protecting funding for vital services such as education, health care and public safety," Coriveau said. "The MBT is the right plan to move Michigan forward."

"(It) gives businesses the incentives they need to locate in Michigan and create more jobs for our workers," added State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland). "It rewards research and development, job creation and investment. This plan will help spur our economy and get Michigan moving in the right direction."

The SBT generated about \$1.9 billion in revenue for the state on an annual basis. Its replacement will generate roughly the same amount, according to legislators, but is more business friendly at the same time.

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Almost done

The Romulus Recreation facility will be open for business sometime in October, if the current plan remains on track. Currently, contractors are laying floors inside the gymnasium of the new complex. The old Overhead Crane facility, which is visible from all freeways, was converted into the new recreation complex. When complete, the facility will provide about 120 part-time jobs.

Convention draws 6 area delegates

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

Members of the Western Wayne County chapter of the oldest civil rights organization in America will be busy for the next week as thousands are expected to come to Metro Detroit to participate in the 98th National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) convention.

The local area branch that represents 15 western Wayne

County cities and townships including Belleville, Garden City, Romulus, Inkster, Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Westland, will send six voting delegates to Detroit for the convention.

The chapter will also help coordinate the Academic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) a scholastic competition involving high school students from throughout the country starting on Friday.

"It's not just a job, it's an adventure," said western Wayne County Chapter President Lucille Flint-Johnson about the level of work involved with a national convention.

Flint-Johnson said the chapter was founded in 1947 as the Inkster branch. The name changed in 1998 to be more inclusive of neighboring communities and to take pressure

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Wayne County sets annual Mud Day

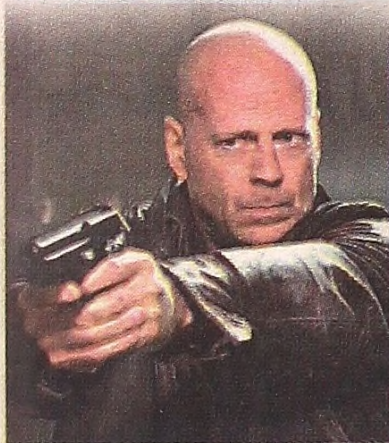
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New faces

The Van Buren Public School Board of Education welcomed new hires Jeffrey Moore, an assistant principal at South Middle School and Debra Cooper, an assistant principal at Belleville High School recently at the board meeting. Both will start in the upcoming school year.

Good clean fun County sets annual Mud Day event

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

There's going to be some real mud slinging in Westland next week.

But it's going to remain good clean fun when Wayne County Parks hosts the 19th annual Mud Day in Westland.

The Nankin Mills picnic area, located on Hines Drive near Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, will be transformed in to giant mud pit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 10. County workers will mix several tons of topsoil and thousands of gallons of water to create a wallow the equivalent of about one-third of a football field in length.

The event routinely attracts more than 1,000 people.

"Last year, we probably had our biggest crowd ever," said Beth Maybrey, public relations liaison for the Wayne County Parks.

Another large crowd is expected this year. Although the bulk of the crowd will be individuals and small groups who show up to participate, Maybrey said that the department has already had spaces for about 500 children confirmed.

"It's a really great excuse for kids to come out and get dirty—without getting in

trouble," she said. "It's just a very unique event."

Once the pit is opened, children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different games, races, and contests. A DJ will be on-site providing a musical accompaniment, Maybrey said. At the end of the event, two of the filthiest children will earn the title of Mr. and Ms. Mud Day.

"It's quite a sight to see," she said.

Westland Fire Department will provide a hose and water for clean up for participants.

Maybrey said that children are also invited to a special 'sneak preview' of the event from 7-9 a.m. on July 10. Footage from the preview will taped by FOX 2 News and used for national broadcasts throughout the day.

Wayne County Parks officials recommend that participants dress in old clothes during the event and parents are encouraged to bring a towel and a clean set of clothes, too.

Mud Day will occur rain or shine. For more information about this free event, contact the Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit their web site at www.waynecounty.com/parks.

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A Healthy Families Program

Romulus Senior Services will host downriver Olympics

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Complete with opening ceremonies that would rival any athletic event in Wayne County, the 2007 Downriver Senior Olympics will begin July 30 in Romulus.

The Senior Olympics – an event that features several hundred seniors from throughout Wayne County who will compete in many athletic and non-athletic challenges – is the largest event dedicated to the over-50 set in the county.

Rose Swidan, the coordinator of the Olympics, said the event marks a milestone for the city, which has been home to a senior services center for only two years.

“Everyone is very excited because we’re hosting the Olympics,” she said. “It’s been a long time since we had the event –

we last hosted it in 1993.”

Organized by Wayne County, the Olympics convene annually in different cities in a 15-city region. The goal of the program is to foster physical fitness and camaraderie in an underserved population, said Swidan.

“This is by far one of the biggest events for seniors,” she said. “It’s very well-attended.”

Opening ceremonies will take place on July 30, and closing ceremonies will take place Aug. 3. In between will be several events, including challenges in men’s and women’s golf, running, and swimming, among others.

Opening ceremonies will be followed by a “Breakfast of Champions” at the senior center, Swidan said.

Other non-athletic events include cook-

ing challenges, as well as board and card games.

Several challenges will be at the Romulus Senior Center on Bibbens Road, but others will take place at various facilities in the city. The golf contest will be off-site, and other events will take place at various public parks in the city.

Prizes, and even medals, will be awarded to seniors who win all events.

Swidan said staffers at the senior center have spent a long time getting participants to sign up.

“We have the Communicator newsletter that goes out to about 450 homes, and it has information in it,” she said. “We told everyone the mayor (Alan Lambert) wants everyone to come out and take part in the program. There are many events, and there is something for everyone to take

part in.”

To compete in events during the Olympics, a senior must be at least 50 years old, and be a resident of the participating communities.

There is no charge to compete in the various events, but an applicant must pre-register to participate.

A list of activities is available at the senior center, along with registration information.

The Downriver Senior Olympics is different than the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, which take place in September.

For more information, call the Romulus Senior Center at (734) 955-4120.

The senior center is located at 36525 Bibbens Road, near the Romulus Police Department.

News in brief

Mayor will host golf outing

The Mayor’s Drug Task Force Golf Outing will be Friday, July 13, at Gateway Golf Club.

The event will kick off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and dinner will be served.

The Mayor’s Drug Task Force is a non-profit organization comprised of business and civic leaders. Together, they have accepted the on-going mission to keep the community drug-free and children safe from the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The Gateway Golf Club is located at 33250 Gateway Dr. in Romulus.

For more information or to register call Romulus Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Irwin at (734) 955-4123.

Chamber hosts upcoming golf event

Romulus Chamber of Commerce members will have their annual golf outing on Aug. 23.

The chamber golf outing supports year-round activities that assist businesses in the area.

The golf outing will take place at the Woodlands of Van Buren golf club, which is located at 39670 Wayne Road in Van Buren Township.

To register, or for more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

Summer reading program announced

The Romulus Public Library summer reading program will continue until July 31 and has activities for readers of all ages.

Activities will take place at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

July 11 – Storyteller Tonya Dallas will spin tales about Anansi the spider;

July 17 – Chris Measzros, the man of 1,000 voices, presents, “It’s a Mystery”;

July 25 – The Super Science Program will provide experiments for students; and

July 31 – Awards presentation for students who read the most.

For more information about the summer reading program, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

Send event notices, announcement and news briefs to Staff Writer Molly Tippen at mtippen@journalgroup.com. Fax notices to (734) 729-1840.

Money

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first time this has happened in the history of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF).

The Wayne County Treasurer’s Office has provided cash flow benefits to local units of government through the DTRF, which was originally created by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners and is administered by the county treasurer. The fund enables governments that levy property taxes in

the county (such as cities, villages, townships and school districts) to receive all of their property tax revenues in the fiscal year for which those taxes are levied instead of having to wait until such property taxes are actually paid, which is sometimes months or even years later.

The DTRF is funded with proceeds of tax anticipation notes sold annually. This year LaSalle Bank won the bid with a 24-month loan of a record-setting \$211 million, which Wojtowicz anticipates will be repaid within 15 months.

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away from the Detroit branch to service areas more than 20 miles away.

“We have a good relationship with the Detroit branch, but it’s not fair to expect them to do it all,” said Flint-Johnson. “We’re able to put information out about the organization,” she added.

She said her goal for both the chapter and the NAACP is to expand on the “successful relationships and partnerships” already developed with organizations and clubs. The group also wants to “bury” self-destructive activities and words

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival will usher in fall on Friday, Sept. 14, and end on Sunday, Sept. 16.

This year, the Pumpkin Festival Committee is once again asking students to send in vibrant artwork for use on the festival guide book, cookbook, and buttons that are distributed to fairgoers, said Maria Lambert, organizer of the event.

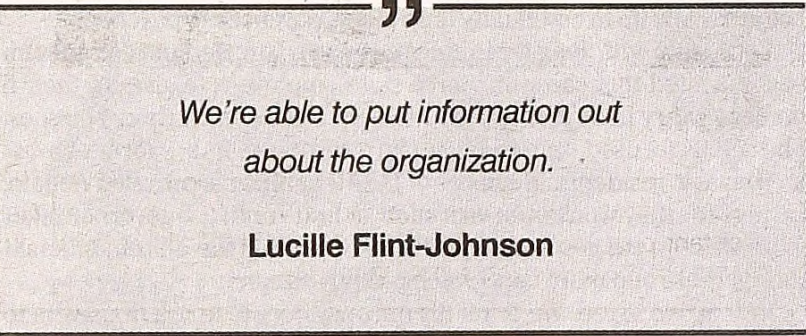
“We’re looking for fall themes, no Halloween,” said Lambert. “We have several categories, and the top winners

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It will provide more than \$600 million in new tax credits that reward Michigan businesses for investment, compensation and research and development; reward capital investment by slashing the Personal Property Tax by an average of 65 per cent for manufacturers and 23 per cent for commercial businesses and boost job creation by providing credits for investment and payroll.

It will also help small businesses by exempting those with less than \$350,000 in gross



in the community.

“We will march in the processional and participate in the burial of the ‘N’-word on Monday,” said Flint-Johnson. The funeral is a symbolic measure aimed at removing the derogatory racial slur from the public square. NAACP chapters across the country are leading a campaign to challenge television and music

executives to do the same.

“Civil rights is my passion. We don’t have to settle,” she said.

The NAACP convention will continue from July 7 to 12 at Cobo Hall. For more information visit www.naACP.org. For more information on the Western Wayne Branch email Flint-Johnson@sbeglobal.net

Pumpkin festival planning under way

will all receive cash prizes.”

The Pumpkin Festival is one of the biggest and most well-attended fall events in the area. The festival is by far the biggest recreational undertaking by the city as well.

This year, the festival will help some other city groups with efforts to bring more service and recreational activities to the city, Lambert said.

This year, the Pumpkin Festival will host a “Romulus Pumpkin Festival Family Week.” Proceeds from each event will benefit various causes throughout the city, Lambert said.

“There will be a Bunco Night, a Euchre Night, and a Family Fun Night,” she said. “The Bunco night will benefit the Romulus Historical Society, the Euchre night will benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter, and the Fun Night will also benefit the Historical Society.”

Another new event is the Chili Cook-Off Renegade, which will pit professionals and amateurs against members of their own group to see who makes the best chili.

For information about the Pumpkin Festival, or to enter artwork, call the hotline at (734) 955-4577.

receipts from taxation. Those with up to \$20 million in gross receipts will pay reduced rates, as well.

Overall, Corriveau said it would mean a reduction in taxes for 75 percent of Michigan businesses.

The concept of slashing personal property tax initially drew concerns from municipal leaders whose communities rely heavily on manufacturing companies for its tax base. Personal property taxes make up about 20-25 percent of the annual \$13 million budget in the City of Wayne.

“It’s a huge number for us,” said City Manager John Zech. “It’s not for every city, but cities with a large industrial or com-

mercial base are dependent on the personal property tax.”

The plan calls for protection of state-shared revenue, though, which somewhat alleviated his concerns.

“The state’s going to have to come up with the money,” he said.

The plan was developed with the help of an endorsed by business and municipal leaders, including the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and large corporations, such as Ford Motor Co.

“That was a concern for us, given their financial condition,” Zech said. The Ford Motor Co. plants in Wayne generate more than half the tax base.

OPINION

Cut spending first

The replacement for the Single Business Tax (SBT) has apparently been agreed to, the budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year patched together with a variety of one-term fixes and our state legislators have even agreed to shorten their vacations by a week to work on long-term issues.

What a difference a few weeks make.

Despite the apparent replacement of the SBT, it's hard to think that the State of Michigan is in any better place than it was at the beginning of the year. The SBT had to be replaced, after all, it was due to expire at the end of the year. Not much else has been done to solve the long-term problems we face here in Michigan, though. The shell game legislators pulled off with shoring up the budget deficit won't fool any investors for long.

The least that legislators can do is to cut short their leisure time and work on something that will actually help pull us out of this mess, not just allow us to essentially limp along, paycheck to paycheck.

Let's start with long-term budget reform. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has indicated that she won't force state employees to give up their 5 percent salary increases as a way to help solve ongoing budget issues. She seems focused on attracting more revenue—in the form of a tax increase on residents. Members of the Republican-controlled Senate, though, say they won't even visit such an issue until the governor takes more steps to cut governmental costs—including the aforementioned salary freeze and more concessions on health care.

In that, we agree. We think it's unconscionable to ask taxpayers to pony up more of their own money if it will help increase governmental salaries. Most of us in the private sector do not have such guaranteed salaries; due to the economy, we're trying to make do on what we earned one, two or three years ago—when most of our other expenses have increased.

Residents would be more willing to live with an income tax increase if they see the legislators holding up their end by slimming down the government, reducing waste and cutting costs.

Until that happens, though, they're barking up the wrong tree.

Perhaps a crystal ball...

School districts throughout the state hesitantly approved their budgets for the 2007-2008 school year recently.

School boards were hesitant because they don't have a clear picture of their finances for the upcoming year—and that's not through any lack of planning on their part.

It's because they haven't—and are unlikely to—get a clear picture from Lansing of the type of funding they'll receive. With property values being what they are, the rate of foreclosures being what they are, the number of students heading to class in the fall isn't exactly set in stone, anyway.

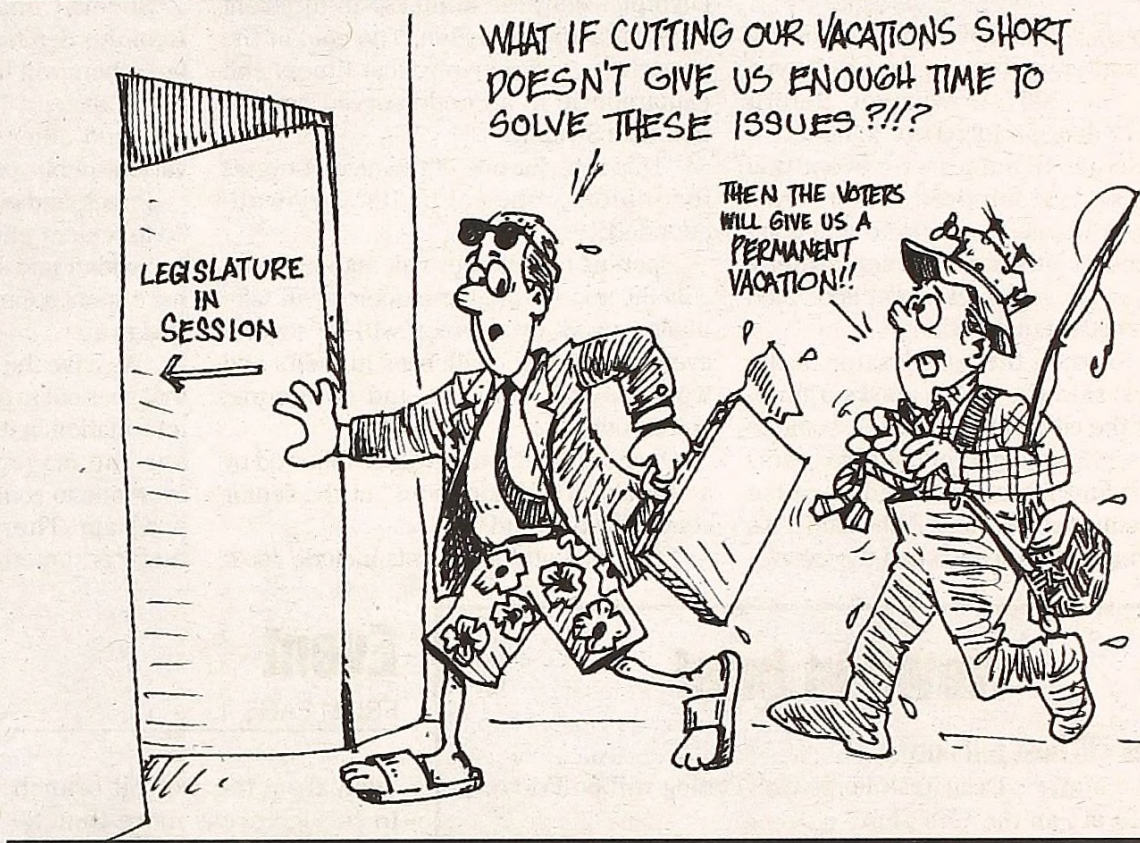
They're forced to budget conservatively. Many school boards are assuming they'll receive the same per-pupil foundation allowance that they received this year (which they were only assured of in recent weeks, before they had to close out the books on the last budget year).

Budgeting conservatively is always a good thing, even though it tends to anger some parents who wonder why a particular service is cut, or why some teachers may not be around next year because things are cut due to precautionary measures.

It's an annual guesstimating game that school officials have to play because of the discrepancy between their fiscal cycles and the fiscal calendar of the state, overall.

This year has been particularly onerous for local schools because

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And so the season begins

Three of us sat across from a single well-dressed individual on Thursday and Friday.

Pens poised on notebooks, bottles of water nearby, we were ready to begin.

The scene might not mean much to the average reader, but it's an obvious sign for us here at *The Journal Newspapers*: the political season is about to begin.

Again.

These off years are actually more interesting to me than the ones dominated by state and federal races. The candidates we meet are the ones we're most likely to run into or talk to on a daily basis—and that goes for residents, too. They're usually more intimate kinds of elections, although they sometimes fall prey to some of the same tactics the major parties play in regional contests.

It's early in the process and we haven't talked to too many candidates yet, but I like what I've seen so far. We've had some younger candidates coming in, which I always appreciate, and an overlying theme from newcomers and incumbents both about why they got involved in politics—or want to get involved in politics—in the first place.

They wanted to contribute something besides criticism.

That's always been a pet peeve of mine, people who are the first to complain but the last to act.

I understand that just plain criticism has its role in government, local, state and federal. You don't always have to have a plan of action when you point out something that's going wrong. You don't have to

solve a problem that you see. Sometimes it's enough just to identify it and let the people in charge take care of it.

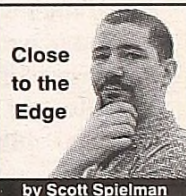
I've always appreciated people, though, who take it to the next step. The ones that have done their homework and propose a solution to the problem—even if it's a far-fetched one or something that won't, for one reason or another, work in any given community. It shows that the thought process doesn't stop at the identification of the complaint or acknowledgement of the issue and the promise of further study.

There will be plenty of interesting—and crowded—elections this year. In Inkster, there are several contested races. Westland is always a little hairy. The election in Wayne may be a yawner, but you never know. We won't know the details of the Northville City Council race until the end of summer, due to their deadlines for candidates, but I'd be surprised if there wasn't some additional activity up there.

So, if three against one seems like an unfair advantage for a candidate interview, just remember this. We do it that way because history has shown us it's the best way to do it. It helps us develop a more well-rounded endorsement of whomever we think is best for the job.

In that, we all seek the same thing, too: whether you're young or old, incumbent or new, that you have the best interests of the community at heart.

Happy campaigning, everyone. We'll talk soon.



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

This problem is too heavy even for Shaq

Not even Shaquille O'Neal is dominating enough to do this job alone.

O'Neal, the four-time NBA Finals champion and perennial All-Star center for the Miami Heat, has taken the challenge of helping six obese children lose weight for Shaq's Big Challenge, which premiered on the ABC network last Tuesday.

The series promise to show kids all across America on the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle while trying as the Big Aristotle puts it "to save the life" of the show participants.

In the past the issue was regarded as one of concern to the African-American and Latino community. However youth of all races are susceptible to diabetes, strokes, breathing complications, and joint replacements caused by obesity. If these kids do not lose weight now, their quality of life will be damaged.

While O'Neal task is laudable and certainly needed, it's impossible for this television show or to solve the epidemic of childhood obesity.

It's up to people who are legally responsible for

these children to take personal responsibility for the health and the welfare of their children.

Children pick up our behaviors like a sponge to liquids. How parents treat their health will be an example to their children. Statistics from leading institutions that study obesity state a direct link between bad parental eating habits and obese children.

According to Men's Magazine the Detroit area is one of the fattest regions in America. With easy access Coney Island type restaurants and fast food joints combined with and a high number of people who'd rather chat online or play a video game than to go outside, the marriage between 24-hour food accessibility and a lack of exercise contributes to the ranking.

The reality of a slow economy that forces parents (and older children) to work for longer durations is also a factor. Long hours at work zaps the



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Shooting suspect to face trial

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A Westland teen shot while allegedly attacking a police officer will face competency and criminal culpability hearings, a Westland judge ruled June 21.

Phillip Jay Taylor, 17, went before Judge C. Charles Bokos of the 18th District Court in Westland for a preliminary hearing on charges of felonious assault, obstructing and resisting police, and unlawful possession of a dangerous weapon.

The charges stem from a June 8 incident in which the Westland Police Department received a 911 call reporting a man with a gun at the Westwood Village Apartment complex, located on Joy Road near Hix Road. While responding to the complaint, an officer confronted Taylor in the location provided by the caller.

Taylor—a complex resident—allegedly attempted to attack the officer with a kitchen knife featuring a blade more than 12 inches long, according to police reports. When the man wouldn't cease the alleged assault, the officer discharged his weapon, striking Taylor in the stomach. It was the first time in three years that a Westland

police officer had discharged a weapon at a person.

"The entire incident was caught on camera," said investigating officer Sgt. Thad Nelson of the Westland Police Department soon after the attack.

Taylor, who was arraigned June 11 in his hospital bed by 18th District Court Magistrate Donald Vandersloot, walked before Bokos on his own on Thursday. At the request of the defense, the examination was adjourned until Sept. 6 to permit completion of competency testing. However, Bokos ruled that if the documentation should come back sooner than expected, the date of the examination could be moved up.

Shortly after Taylor's arrest, Nelson said that the incident that drew the officer to the complex appears to have been fraudulent.

"He's the one who called the 911 in," said Nelson at the time. He added that police were uncertain what had motivated the call and the alleged knife attack.

If convicted, the assault charge could carry a penalty of up to four years in prison, the obstruction charge is a felony punishable by up to two years in prison, and the weapons charge is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Schools

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of the wide gulf between what was promised early in the year and what has happened recently.

The phrase 'education is the future' was bandied about fairly frequently early on. It's generally a commonly accepted concept that we need to invest in our young people in order to provide a sus-

tainable way of life in the future. Yet all we see are pro-rated cuts or stagnated revenues at the local level and reduced funding for colleges. If our students are lucky enough to get a quality education through their stripped down school districts, they'll have to pay more and more to get advanced degrees. That doesn't sound like much of an investment.

Our local leaders know what they're doing; they can plan for virtually any contingency with enough warning. They just need a consistent message.

Obesity

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willingness to cook or exercise. It is easier and somewhat affordable to stop by the local neighborhood burger pit and buy a combo meal.

With school districts in western Wayne County and throughout Michigan forced to balance their budgets on the backs of sports and dance programs, many youth do not have the athletic opportunities available to them as their parents a generation ago. Some districts do not have a mandatory physical education curriculum.

Therefore it's on you-Mom and Dad-to push your children into the fresh outdoors and away from the television

and computer. Chances are that your children aren't the only ones who could use some outdoor "playtime."

Many health institutions are now offering family memberships to start a health regimen for the entire family. If that is out of your budget, replace family movie night with family exercise night. Besides losing weight, another benefit is spending quality time together as a unit.

A change in diet may also be necessary. Cooking meals before work or on your days off that can be frozen and easily thawed will save your waistline and your wallet.

Consult your family physician before any exercise program. The obstacles are many but are not impossible to overcome.

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Get a clue

Belleville library offers reading programs for all ages

Ashley Dobos
Staff Writer

Registration is going on now for Belleville's Fred C. Fischer Library Summer Reading Program, "Get a Clue at Your Library." The program is open to all ages – preschoolers, independent readers, teens, and adults.

"We have decorated in a mystery/private eye theme to get children excited about discovering books," said Tara Moffett, a children's librarian. "I have spoken at assemblies at many of the area schools and tried to generate excitement about our Summer Reading Program to get more parents and kids involved."

Participants can register for the summer reading program throughout the summer.

"We're getting a good response in the program so far," said Mary Jo Suchy, assistant director of the library.

Registered participants have the chance to win prizes and coupons from local businesses.

Elementary school children can win free books and Cedar Point tickets, donated by AAA in Canton. Names will be added to the Book Investigators wall-of-fame at the library if they read at least 10 books.

"I am in the brain-building business," said Moffett. "I want to help kids build new pathways and support higher level thinking skills by offering a variety of experiences, programs, and reading materials."

The following are important dates for preschoolers: July 11 – Magic Show with Ming the Magnificent, July 18 – Storyteller Marla Schuler, July 25 – Farm Animals with the Farm Lady, July 28 – Last day to redeem tickets for prizes. All of the preschooler's programs take place at 7 p.m. The programs are for registered participants and their parents. Older siblings may attend if there is enough space.

The following are dates that are important for elementary school children: July 10 –

Harpbeat Musical Program, July 17 – Gordon the Magician, July 20 – Last day to add books to Reading Record, July 24 – Final Awards Program, Aug. 3 – Last day to collect prizes. All of the programs, including the Final Awards Program, start at 11 a.m. The programs are for registered Independent Readers, but siblings may attend if there is space.

"About 400 [kids] participated last year, but we hope to have a lot more this year," said Moffett.

Teens are welcome to participate in the program as well. From 7:30-8:30 p.m. on July 10 is Yoga with Holly. From 1:30-2:30 p.m. on July 13 is the Stage Fright program. From 3-4 p.m. on July 20 is the Harry Potter Party. From 1-2 p.m. on July 27 is the final program and pizza party for teens that have read at least five books during the program. At the final program there will be a grand prize drawing for tickets to Cedar Point.

For the first time the Summer Reading Program is open to

adults too. The adult-themed program is called "Sleuthing in the Stacks."

"It's hard to tell how many will participate," said librarian Julia Casey.

Any time between now and Aug. 10 adults can stop by the library and fill out a ticket for each book they've read or audio book they've listened to. The tickets will allow adults to enter to win a gift basket of their choice.

On the tickets, adults need to include their name, phone number, and a short summary of the book, along with the number of the basket they would like to win. They can turn the tickets in at the reference desk.

There will be many gift baskets to choose from and many different winners, depending on how many businesses in the area donate prizes. The person with the most entries for each basket will win. Winners will be announced on Aug. 13.

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JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 17th, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

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Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 17, 2007.

Joannie Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 9th at 6:45 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended, for Detroit Newspaper Partnership L.L.C., 6911 Metroplex, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

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Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Kirkridge Park Cooperative Street Lighting Assessment District

Charter Township of Van Buren
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TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE KIRKBRIDGE PARK COOPERATIVE AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Treasurer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by the Township covering all properties within the Special Assessment District for the **Kirkridge Park Cooperative** Street Lighting Assessment District benefited by the street lighting project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the construction of the street lighting and work incidental thereto with the aforesaid **Kirkridge Park Cooperative** Street Lighting Assessment District as more particularly shown on the plans by the DTE Energy Company on file with the Township Clerk at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, which assessment is in the total of **\$6,713.54 / year**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Treasurer has further reported that the assessment against each and every parcel of land within said District, will be equal and the same for each and every lot in the Special Assessment District for the **Kirkridge Park Cooperative** Street Lighting District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on **July 17, 2007** for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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Township Clerk Joannie D. Payne
46425 Tyler Road
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THE SCENE

Live Free or Die Hard

Movie is adrenaline rush of entertainment



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak

The first time was hard; the second was harder; and the third was with a vengeance.

Now, almost 20 years after the first *Die Hard*, Bruce Willis is back in the fourth installment of the mega-action franchise with *Live Free or Die Hard*.

"I'm just doing my job, that's all."

That was all an aging McClane, played by a gracefully aging Willis, muttered after dodging storms of bullets, flying cars and explosions in the latest chapter.

Yes you are, John McClane. Yes...you...are.

Well if entertaining is his business, which it is, then McClane—and Willis—are both doing their jobs and doing them well. That's if you like big guns, big explosions and big stunts.

This would definitely not be considered a "good" film by my friend Eric Hood, who taught film history and criticism to high school kids before moving to Kansas. Nope. But nobody really goes to a *Die Hard* movie hoping to see Oscar-win-

ning performances or a great set design or even great camera work. There's only one real simple reason for the masses to pile into a dark movie theater on a beautiful summer afternoon—pure entertainment. And that's what they get.

For two hours and 10 minutes moviegoers are taken on a pure adrenaline ride of wholesome escapism that they will probably forget soon after leaving. Who cares, as long as they have fun while there. That doesn't necessarily make it a good film but it does make it an entertaining movie.

Like all the other *Die Hards*, this one also unfolds during a holiday. This time it's July 4th. While American citizens should be celebrating it, they are fighting for their independence as one of the country's own former government employees, Thomas Gabriel (Timothy Olyphant), unleashes havoc among the streets of Washington D.C.

When I say they, I mean the one-man army McClane. Again he is a tour de force, knocking off one bad guy at a time in one

creative way after another.

Gabriel takes the disgruntled government employee syndrome to the next level when he attacks the vulnerable United States infrastructure—one that he warned was susceptible to terrorist attacks—and begins to shut the entire nation down.

McClane gets caught in the mix when he is sent on a routine pickup to bring in local computer hack Matt Farrell (Justin Long) for questioning. Farrell helped design a program that, unknown to him, is being used by Gabriel in his scheme. McClane is just in time to foil the assassins, sent by Gabriel, to kill Farrell.

There's a nice dichotomy of old-school, beat-them-to-a-pulp police style to a new digital technology era as McClane and Farrell race to stop Gabriel from taking the nation hostage. I'll let you guess which one wins. Regardless of what critics at the big papers might say, Long was the perfect complement to Willis in this sequel.

The action scenes are good but there

are a few scenes, like the one with the Harrier jet, that are a little over the top for my taste, even for a *Die Hard* flick.

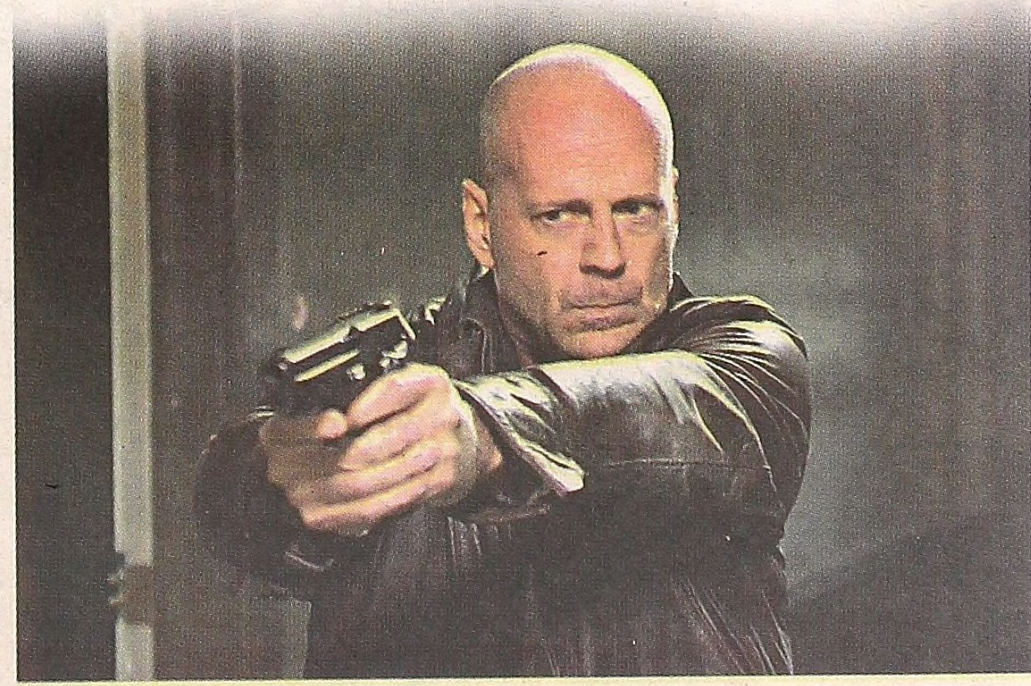
I can let it go, though, mainly to avoid a beating by angry *Die Hard*ers and my wife who is a die hard *Die Harder*. Really, she is.

Director Len Wiseman does a good job capturing the action and even returns to some old-school technology during one of the film's car chase scenes. He actually uses still cameras to get the job done rather than ones inside the cars or riding along side or in front of, saving moviegoers from car sickness.

McClane's toughest opponent was a rat as *Ratatouille* served up the biggest disappointment for *Live Free or Die Hard*, snatching the number-one spot at the box office for the weekend.

Despite the classic but tiring one liners and the predictable and unbelievable plot I have to rate the movie E—for entertaining.

Hey, I'm just doing my job, that's all.



Winners of Belleville Strawberry Idol contest are named

The Strawberry Idol contest had several winners during the annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival this year:

In the junior division—ages 12 and under—the winners were: Molly Svrčina, 11, of Ypsilanti, who won first place singing “Don’t Stop Believing” by Journey; Emily Hadick, 11, of Holt, who won second place for “Popular” from the musical “Wicked” and third place went to Katelyn Philpot, 12, of Brownstown, who sang “California Girls” by Gretchen Wilson.

In the teen division—ages 13-19—the winners were: Rebecca Kay Craft, 19, of Lincoln Park, who won first place for performing “Anyway” by Martina McBride; second place went to Kelsey Neville, 14, of Goodrich, who sang “I Wonder” by Kelli Pickler and Kaylin Brown, 16, of Plymouth, won third place for “Hero” by Mariah Carey.

In the adult division, the winners were: Dan Greer, of Taylor, who won first place for singing “Hemorrhage” by Fuel; James Taylor Jr., of Belleville, won second place for his

original song “You Think” and third place went to Shaena Poehner, of Flint, who performed “Listen” by Beyonce from Dream Girls.

First place winners in each division were awarded a two-hour professional recording session provided by Talent Live Studios in Canton. In addition, winners will represent the Belleville National Strawberry Festival at the “You Can Be a Star” karaoke finals at the Michigan State Fair. Contestants must qualify at an official “You Can Be a Star”

preliminary to be eligible to compete in the finals at the fair.

Second and third place winners in each division were awarded a one-hour professional recording session. All division place winners will be invited to participate in the Michigan State Fair Talent Showcase. This is a non-judged showcase for talent winners from across the state.

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Water Under the Bridge

Authors expand, update book of local historial facts

Renee White
Staff Writer

Water Under the Bridge, a historical book about Belleville and Van Buren Township, will soon be re-printed with an additional chapter and several changes.

Authors Cathy Horste and Diane Wilson first published their book in 1977. More than 3,000 copies have been sold.

Some of the changes include an index, which was provided by a reader, and a new chapter. The new chapter focuses on changes and progress that has been made since the founding of the city and township, according to Horste.

"The purpose of the book is to provide a snapshot of what [the area] looked like 100 years ago," she said. "The new chapter centers on changes."

The idea for the book came 30 years ago, when the two authors were working at a drug and suicide prevention hotline. It was the national bicentennial and the two were talking about something they both were passionate about – history.

"We decided to do a historical home tour and raise money for the drug prevention hotline," Horste said. "We only toured five homes, so there were 295 other homes that weren't being recognized."

While doing the tours, the pair became increasingly interested in the history of the area. They used county records and an 1876 map to identify each and every historical home. Their search eventually led them to the first pioneers of Van Buren Township.

The first settlers came in 1825, years

after Joseph Wampler had declared Michigan a "hopeless swamp," Horste said. New England was getting crowded, and after the Erie Canal was built, people had easier access to Michigan. Settlers traveled through the canal and down the Huron River to populate the area.

The state had a few settlers in 1826, one of which lived near the French Landing Dam and Powerhouse in Belleville and one who lived where the city of Belleville is now located.

By 1835, the area now known was Van Buren Township had 40 residents, which was enough to have a government. The township was created, complete with a supervisor, town council and a poor commissioner.

"The poor commissioner was very necessary because Michigan was a wilderness," Horste said. "There were so many widows because people were getting attacked by bears; I-94 didn't run through the middle of the city back then."

"We shared this place with the Indians. My home is where the last Indian was seen in Van Buren Township."

Horste said that besides Van Buren Township, there were once nine settlements in the area.

"Most [of the settlements] are ghost towns," she said. "One survived and it's the city of Belleville."

Belleville became a village in 1905 and didn't earn city status until 1946.

When researching for the book, Horste said she and Wilson learned a lot of interesting facts about the place they call home.

"We know where the house of ill-repute is," she said. "We know where the bodies are buried, literally. And we know how the city got its name. It's not French for 'beautiful village' like everyone thinks."

According to Wilson, the city was actually named after the Bell family, who were early settlers. When the city was first created, it was actually spelled Bellville – without the middle 'e.' The extra 'e' was added somewhere along the line.

Wilson said that while there have been many important historical happenings in the area, the most important one is the creation of Belleville Lake in 1926.

"Belleville Lake was created when the Huron River was dammed up," Wilson said. "When that happened, it totally changed Belleville. In some areas, the river was no wider than a creek; now it's a 7-mile-long lake."

When the lake was created, Wilson said people began building summer cottages. Those cottages have since turned into year-round homes.

Both Wilson and Horste have come a long way since their days volunteering at the drug and suicide prevention hotline and researching local history.

Wilson obtained a degree in historic preservation from Eastern Michigan University and has served as the director of the local historical museum since 1996.

Horste is a retired law enforcement officer who spent 20 years working as a U.S. senior customs inspector at the border. She was appointed as the official Van Buren Township historian in the '70s, which she



Diane Wilson, director of the historical museum, is the co-author of *Water Under the Bridge*, a historical anthology of the area that will be re-printed this fall. Orders for the book are now being accepted.

said arose from her work with "Water Under the Bridge."

The re-printed copy of "Water Under the Bridge" will be 750 pages, which is 58 pages longer than the original. It will be released sometime in the fall. Request forms for advance orders are available at the museum, library and city hall.

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SPORTS



The Michigan Accelerator team is going on its fifth year of summer AAU competition and recently had 35 athletes compete in the state championship meet.

Pace makers Accelerators race into season

Tanya Wildt
Staff Writer

On a muggy rainy day in the middle of June, the last thing most people want to do is go running, but the members of the Michigan Accelerators track club are not most people. This dedicated group of athletes and coaches has a rare passion for track and field.

The club, which formed in 2003 under the guidance of coach James Hall and his mentor Francis McCauley, was put together in an effort to give back to the community in which they grew up.

"We just clicked on what we wanted to do," Hall said. "This has really been his child."

The club was formed and began practicing in the hallways of Robichaud High School with only six athletes.

Today, the 91 Accelerator athletes, ages 10 to 18, can be trained in almost every track and field event. Along with physical training, the kids also gain confidence and knowledge of track and field strategy.

"I like for them to develop confidence in their own abilities," McCauley said.

All of these concepts are then applied at numerous meets throughout the season.

The success of the program is shown by the 43 Accelerator athletes in Division I colleges and 35 kids that qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association state championships this year; a record for the club.

Out of the 35 state qualifiers, four were crowned state champions.

Even with the state titles, Hall has not overlooked the importance of education for his club members. This year, the group has an average grade point average of 3.2.

The combination of athletics and high grades has enabled many of the Accelerators to receive full tuition scholarships for college.

"It's something that we're proud of," Hall said.

Since 2003, the club has grown leaps and bounds. The number of participants increased from six to 91 this year.

Hall and the other coaches contribute the growth to many factors. The first is that there are no other track clubs between Ann Arbor and Detroit.

"We're truly a multidimensional area track club," Hall said.

Hall also credits the positive reputation of the coaching staff for the success. All are in the teaching or counseling career field.

"Our standards of excellence are pretty high," Hall said.

Coach Eric Miles said since there are no feeder programs for track and field, kids have few options to improve their skills except for the Accelerators.

"That's why the club is so hot," Miles said.

Miles, whose own son participates in the club, feels that athletes that take part of the program are able to walk onto their school track and field teams as stars. He believes that the older

kids in the program help the younger ones get to that point.

Ronnie Kadykowski, a senior next year at Detroit Catholic Central, is one of the athletes who has benefited from the program.

"I love running and I thought it would give me an edge," Kadykowski said of why he joined the Accelerators. He was right. According to Kadykowski, he has seen an improvement in his running.

He also encourages others to join the club.

"If they love track, it's a great idea to join the program because they'll improve their skills in many different ways," Kadykowski said.

For more information on the Accelerators, visit www.michaccelerators.org.



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The club track team accepts athletes as young as 10 and as old as 18 that want to hone their skills.

SPORTS

All is 'Wells'

State champion hurdler chooses MSU

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

All is 'Well' in East Lansing these days.

Romulus High School state champion hurdler Shane Wells recently signed his letter of intent to run at Michigan State University.

The speedster, coming off of his, senior season, went out with a bang—and almost a thud.

Wells won the 110 hurdles competition as anticipated and is now the reigning state champion in the event. It was far from the

race anyone had expected, though.

Wells started out behind from the get-go. He hit a few hurdles. Then his friend James Carter from Pershing High School in the lane next to him fell, bumping Wells on the way down. That nearly lost him the race but somehow Wells pulled it out and won.

"It wasn't the race that he wanted to have," he said. "I wanted to take the state record down."

It's very possible that he could have, since he was the favorite

going into the event. Now the only thing he has to worry about is beating Spartan records for the next four years—also very possible.

"I want to hold the records at Michigan State by my senior year," he said. "In my freshman year I hope to go in there and be the Rookie of the Year in track—that's my goal."

Wells is one of the few track athletes that have earned a full scholarship in the sport. Most track scholarships range from 50-80 percent.

"That's when you know that you are the real deal," said James Hall, Wells' AAU Michigan Accelerators coach. "Shane is easily the most talented kid I have ever coached in Michigan. He has as much talent as some of the great hurdlers I had down in Georgia."

At one point he was ranked No. 1 in the nation in hurdles along side Division 3 champion and nemesis Josh Hembrough of Grand Rapids Forest Hills, according to Hall. The two will continue to compete against each other for the next four years. Hembrough signed at fellow Big Ten university, Perdue.

Wells passed up offers from Kentucky, Louisiana State



Shane Wells, who is headed to Michigan State University in the fall, practiced with the Michigan Accelerators last week.



Shane Wells won the state championship in the 110-meter hurdles last month and will head to Michigan State on a full track scholarship.



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Go time: Accelerator heads to Pittsburgh

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Yet another athlete from the Michigan Accelerators club track team is headed to the next level on a scholarship.

Aurielle McCauley will pack her bags for the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

Although highly talented on the track, McCauley earned her full scholarship the old fashioned way—through academics. A valedictorian at Romulus High School with a 4.1 GPA, she passed up an opportunity to represent Michigan at the Junior National Meet in Indianapolis in order to give her graduation speech.

But then again that just shows how good she is at both of those aspects of her life.

Forget naming her all academic or all athletic or even all American. Accelerator Coach James Hall hails her as an All-Everything girl.

"She just goes out and competes like a champion in everything that she does," he said. "She never complains, she's never injured—nothing affects her. Not once have I ever seen Aurielle in a mode of 'I don't want to do that'—never once. She's a champion and with a true All-American attitude—all of that and more."

McCauley plans to study pre-med while at Pittsburgh.

"I like Pitt because they have five hospitals around there and a great medical program," she said. "I really liked the campus and track seemed to be okay there so, I figured, why not."

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While she gets a free education, the University of Pittsburgh track team will get a free athlete. McCauley will join the team as a walk-on and help shore up the hurdle team. Her specialty is the 300-meter hurdles in which she placed fourth at the state meet last month. She was also seventh in the 100-meter hurdles.

"What an honor," Hall said. "(Pittsburgh) Coach (Alonzo) Webb is tickled pink. He's getting a great athlete."

"She's been good in the classroom, running track and in everything that she does," added McCauley's father, Fran McCauley. "In academics she wants to go into the medical field and she loves track, too, so she's going to be a walk-on in track and I'm sure they will get a good talent out there."

The relationship between Aurielle and Fran stretches beyond that of talented daughter and grateful father. When not at home, the father becomes coach and daughter, athlete.

He swears that the two duties almost never cross.

"I don't take the stuff home," he said. "Everything is left on the track—most of it. Sometime I will look at some films and ask her to watch it to see some things that she can work on. Sometimes I turn her over to Coach Hall because sometimes they get immune to your voice and things just bounce off them and don't get absorbed."

She said there are positives and negatives to the situation.

"It's nice having my dad as a coach because I get to talk to him more about races and I'm not as shy because it's my dad," she said, "but it is a little bit harder because I can't get out of things and he's a little bit harder on me. But it's nice; I like it."

As one of the original athletes on the Accelerators—joining the team in the eighth grade when Hall and her father conceptualized the idea—she has had a chance to see the club grow by leaps and bounds.

"I've been with the Accelerators for five years and each year there are more and more people," she said. "I think other athletes see how their teammates that are a part of the Accelerators progress during their high school track season."

They realize that they want to do it, too. And it really does help; people really do drop their times.

"I love the Accelerators," she added. "It's

a great program and really does attract athletes."

As a part of the Accelerators McCauley runs pretty much all year around, competing indoors in the winter, AAU in the summer and with her high school in the spring—something that took a little getting used to.

"I'm used to it now," she said. "Track is pretty much my life."



Aurielle McCauley, (left), pictured with her father Coach Fran McCauley, will head to the University of Pittsburgh on a full academic scholarship.

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BUCHACKER, Helen
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June 29, 2007 age 81 of Milford, Formerly of Canton. Dear mother of Bob (Debbie) Fisher, Diane (Rodger) Barton & the late Gary (Nancy) Fisher. Sister of Joan (Bill) Williams. Grandmother of Michelle (Michael) Evans, Michael (Kristine) Fisher, Jennifer (Don) Cunningham, Danielle & Chris Alandt. Great Grandmother of 12. Funeral services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Cremation rites were accorded with interment at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

STAILEY, Joseph A.
June 29, 2007 age 45 of Dearborn Heights. Beloved son of James and the late Mary Alice. Dear brother of Michael (Louise), Mark (Margaret), Charles, Cathy (Donald) Kingsbury and Sharon (Patrick) Wall. Also survived by 12 Nieces and Nephews and 6 Great Nieces and Nephews. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Richard Church, Westland, with Fr. Terence Treppa officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

THEODORE, Victor P.
June 25, 2007 age 88 of Inkster. Beloved husband of the late Nanette. Dear father of Timothy (Bonny) and Gregory. Brother of Catherine Battelbort. Grandfather of Jaclyn Theodore and Kristopher Johnson. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, before the funeral service with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Burial took place at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

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	S	M	L	XL	24"
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EXTRA TOPPING.....	.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.50
EXTRA CHEESE.....	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.00

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Pepperoni • Bacon • Ham • Sausage • Ground Beef • Onions • Green Peppers
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	S	M	L
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Large
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Large Pizza w/ 1 Item

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Home Fries,
Cole Slaw
& Breadsticks

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